

**REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed January 25, 2006 has been carefully reviewed along with the references cited therein. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 31, 32, and 37 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Verega (U.S. Patent No. 4,274,231). The Examiner indicated that claims 2, 24-26 and 33-36 are allowed. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicant has amended claim 31 to include the limitations that were introduced in claims 37 and 38. Claim 38 was indicated as being allowable. Applicant has also amended claims 32 and 34 to bring them in accordance with the amendments made to claim 31. Finally, Applicant has canceled claims 33 and 36-38. The amendments are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

## CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited. In any event, should the Examiner consider personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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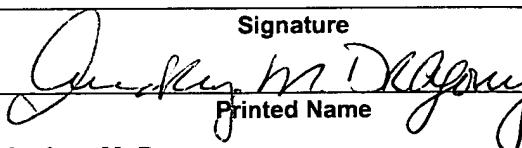
  
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